Complaints lodged by the Indian National Congress with the Election Commission for alleged rigging in the recent Lok Sabha elections

327. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the number of complaints lodged by the Indian National Congress with the Election Commission for alleged rigging in the recent Lok Sabha elections and the action taken by Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Election Commission has informed that the data on complaints are not maintained or arranged party-wise. However, it would appear from a scrutiny of the records that about 227 complaints had been made either by the Indian National Congress or by candidates/others belonging to that party. It is not *prima facie* for the Government to take action on such complaints. The Election Commission had looked into these complaints and had taken several appropriate remedial measures like on-the-spot enquiry, re-poll, immediate action by Chief Electoral Officers/District Election Officers, referring the matter to the Observers of the Commission etc.

Morarka Committee recommendations for restructuring of Life Insurance Corporation

328. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the recommendations of the Morarka Committee appointed in 1968-69 for restructuring of the Life Insurance Corporation;

(b) if so, which of these recommendations have been implemented so far; and

(c) what are the details of the recommendations which have not been implemented and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No recommendation was made by Morarka Committee on restructuring of Life Insurance Corporation of India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Review of Textile Policy

329. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the present textile policy with a view to recasting the same; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government have set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Abid Hussain to review the progress of implementation of the June, 1985 Textile Policy and to assess its impact on different sectors of the textile economy. A review of the Textile Policy would be undertaken after receipt of the report of the Committee, whose term is upto 31st December 1989.

Negotiations for setting Charter of Demands of L.I.C. Employees

330. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation has recently changed its policy to hold negotiations with their employees in settling their charter of demands;

(b) whether the demands made by the LIC employees in their charter of demand in 1977 were prolonged till April, 1985;

(c) whether the negotiations which started from 8th January, 1988 for the revision of pay scales of LIC employees have concluded; and

(d) if not, what steps have been taken for settling the demands as expeditiously as was done in 1970 and 1974?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Several rounds of talks were held on the charter of demands submitted by the employees' unions in 1977. They failed in 1980. Fresh demands were raised by the unions in 1983-84 and the pay scales and other benefits of Clerical & Supervisory and Subordinate employees of LIC were revised by a Notification issued by the Government on 11-4-1985.

(c) Several rounds of talks were held with employees' unions for further revision of pay scales and other benefits in 1988 and 1989 and the revision has been notified by the Government on 12-5-1989 giving effect to the revision from 1-8-1987.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of collaboration arrangements with Pepsi Cola

331. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the collaboration arrangements with foreign companies engaged in soft drinks, particularly Pepsi Cola;

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's policy in regard to foreign collaboration in food processing industries?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No decision in this regard has been taken at present.

(c) No separate policy has been laid down for foreign collaboration in Food Processing Industries. Each proposal for foreign collaboration in the field of processed food industries is considered on its merits.

New food processing industries in backward areas of the country

332. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the new measures being considered by Government to have new food processing industries in the country, especially in backward areas, to provide employment opportunities to the unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Various incentives are being given for the development of small scale industries included food processing industries in the rural and backward areas. Government have established the Ministry of Food Processing Industries whose objectives include development of a network of processing units in the rural areas which would create increased job opportunities for the unemployed.

Irrigation projects pending clearance

333. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of irrigation projects which are still pending with the Central Government for clearance; and

(b) what steps have been taken to give early clearance to these projects?